

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (New) A method of delivering a protein to the bloodstream of a mammal, the method comprising the step of:

introducing intraductally into a secretory gland of a mammal a formulation comprising a naked DNA construct, wherein the DNA construct comprises a DNA sequence of interest which encodes a secreted protein and a promoter operably linked to the DNA sequence of interest, whereby the protein encoded by the introduced DNA construct is produced in a secretory gland cell and the protein is delivered into the bloodstream of the mammal.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the secretory gland is a liver.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the mammal is a human and the protein is a human protein.

34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the protein is a growth hormone.